

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A voice synthesis apparatus for analyzing characters including a symbol character and for outputting the characters by voice synthesis, comprising:

a first detection module that detects a paragraph section having a recurrent string pattern ~~repetition of a plurality of kinds of a symbol~~ based on a character column in one line, wherein the recurrent string pattern comprises a plurality of strings each including a plurality of kinds of symbols; and

a voice synthesis module for performing voice synthesis for a rest of the character column, after deleting the paragraph section ~~symbol character column interval~~ from the character [[line]] column.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A voice synthesis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said paragraph section character column~~ the recurrent string pattern is comprised of ~~a character column pattern in which a pattern of one [[unit]] kind of symbol that is repeated [[at]] a plurality of times and another kind of symbol as definition of m-symbol column constituted by n-kind of symbol as one unit.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A voice synthesis apparatus according to claim 2 [[1]], wherein [[said]] the paragraph section includes the another ~~character column is comprised of a special one kind of symbol of the n-kind of symbol is added as a~~ to the last character of [[a]] the character column, at an end of the recurrent string pattern in which a pattern of one unit is repeated at a plurality of times as definition of m symbol column constituted by n-kind of symbol as one unit.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A voice synthesis apparatus for analyzing characters including a symbol character and for outputting the characters by voice synthesis, comprising:

a [[first]] detection module that detects symmetry of a row of a symbol character column based on a character column in one line; and

a voice synthesis module for performing voice synthesis for a rest of the character column, after deleting [[the]] symbol character column ~~interval~~ intervals from the character column that have been detected as having symmetry by line when said detection module ~~detects symmetry of a row of a symbol character column.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A voice synthesis apparatus according to claim 4, wherein [[a]] respective symbols of the symbol character column intervals have symmetry with respect to shape ~~detected by said detection module is a symbol of which a pair of symbols at symmetrical positions in a symbol column of symmetry~~

~~shape is the same.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A voice synthesis apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising wherein a count module for counting up is provided when a pair of symbols at symmetrical positions within the character column have [[is]] the same shape, whereby the detection module deletes respective strings and a row of symbol characters ~~to be deleted~~ as the symbol character column intervals when said count value is a predetermined value or more.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled)